

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on March 15, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Garner (R)
Rep. Karjala (D)
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)
Rep. Webb (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 163, 3/8/2017; SB 178, 3/8/2017; SB 301, 3/8/2017
Executive Action: SB 121, SB, 127, SB 143, SB 152

00:01:40 Rep. Bachmeier joined Meeting.

HEARING ON SB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:03 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 163, Revise election judge qualifications.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:33 Derek Oestricher, Secretary of State Office (SOS)

00:05:13 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Records (MACR)

00:06:38 Rep. Webb joined meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:12 Rep. Price

00:08:04 Sen. Regier

00:08:45 Rep. Price

00:09:18 Rep. Sales

00:10:02 Sen. Regier

00:10:14 Rep. Sales

00:10:19 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:06 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:48 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 178, Revise when a primary must be held for county nonpartisan offices.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:40 Rep. Staffanson

00:13:50 Sen. Swandal

00:14:12 Rep. Custer

00:14:30 Sen. Swandal

00:14:58 Rep. McKamey

00:15:12 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Records (MACR)

00:15:27 Rep. McKamey

00:15:40 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:15:47 Rep. McKamey
00:16:04 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:16:59 Sen. Swandal
00:17:45 Rep. Hayman
00:17:58 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:18:15 Rep. Hayman
00:19:06 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:19:39 Chair Mandeville
00:19:46 Rep. Bennett
00:19:52 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:19:57 Chair Mandeville
00:20:00 Rep. Bennett
00:20:28 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:21:08 Sen. Swandal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:02 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON SB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:32 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 301, Revise federal office holder state vacancy and appointment laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:37 Derek Oestricher, Secretary of State Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:24 Rep. Fleming
00:25:44 Sen. Brown
00:26:05 Chair Mandeville
00:26:35 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:44 Sen. Brown

00:27:48 Recessed

01:03:41 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 121

01:04:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 121 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Mandeville and Rep. Shaw voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

01:06:30 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 127 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:06:32 Rep. Garner joining meeting

01:06:40 Rep. Bennett

01:06:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **SB 127 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth54a01\)](#)

Discussion:

01:07:33 Rep. Bennett

01:07:58 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:11:00 Rep. Bennett

01:11:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:11:43 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 127 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:11:59 Rep. Staffanson

01:12:17 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:13:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Price will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143

01:14:26 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 143 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:14:44 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth54a02\)](#)

Discussion:

01:15:10 Chair Mandeville

01:15:40 Rep. Custer

01:15:53 Chair Mandeville

01:15:56 Rep. Custer

01:17:12 Rep. Hayman

01:17:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:17:45 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth54a03)

Discussion:

01:18:00 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:20:10 Rep. Hayman

01:20:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:22:40 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth54a04)

Discussion:

01:23:36 Rep. Shaw

01:24:02 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:24:39 Rep. Hayman

01:25:04 Rep. Shaw

01:25:24 Rep. Bennett

01:25:58 Chair Mandeville

01:26:12 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:26:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:28:12 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 143 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:28:27 Rep. Price

01:29:03 Rep. Bachmeier

01:29:55 Rep. Shaw

01:30:31 Rep. McKamey

01:31:15 Rep. Sales

01:31:59 Rep. Fleming

01:32:37 Rep. Custer

01:33:51 Rep. Garner

01:34:19 Rep. Shaw

01:34:44 Rep. Bennett

01:35:45 Rep. Swanson

01:36:44 Rep. Garner

01:38:26 Chair Mandeville

01:38:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Staffanson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

01:40:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 152 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Skees, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Bachmeier will carry the bill.

01:43:49 Chair Mandeville

01:44:11 Rep. Swanson

01:44:18 Chair Mandeville

01:45:06 Rep. Custer

01:45:08 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:45:52

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth54aad.pdf](#))